

People You Should Know

**** FOUR STAR FOLKS ****

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Introducing to You the Builders and Live People Who Make up the Business Interests of Torrance, Lomita and Harbor City
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ALBERT H. BARTLETT
 **** SOME people write their names on the sands and waves wash them away. Others write them on the hearts of men and indelibly unite themselves in a human way, building landmarks that grow stronger with time. There you have the keynote of Albert H. Bartlett, City Clerk, who came here in 1913, when the grocer came twice a week with his trundle team—just like any other frontier town—and who has watched the city grow and had a strong hand in the growing. Was with Union Tool seven years as cost accountant; established first insurance agency—Torrance General Ins. and Real Estate; helped organize Chamber of Commerce and make a dream city become a reality. Keeps thousands of records; takes care of bonds; attends Board meetings; estimates monies needed to run city—a \$23,000,000 corporation (where tax is low in comparison to other cities of same population); alert on general city government and protection of life and property, and his office is friendly headquarters where courtesy rules and helpfulness is the foundation. "Bart" spent his first split second on earth in Jamestown, N. Y.; collected B. S. paper money for first business deal (and then couldn't keep it); Mason and 2-footed Moose; keen on Chamber of Commerce progress; a thoroughbred; blue eyes register consideration and he would rather help Torrance grow than be owner of Kimberly Diamond Mines. . . .

Ph. 82 and tell us: What year did he become City Clerk?

WALLACE H. GILBERT
 **** YOUR Protector, is the title we confer today on Wallace H. Gilbert, 1631 Cota Ave., whose old reliable insurance policies have protected more community people than you'll ever know. In 1939 he gave up the real estate end of his long established agency, because he wanted to give all his time and effort to the service of those he protected. He never tries to overwrite. Goes over your problems with thoroughness and consideration. Plans a balanced basis upon which you may always "hold" your insurance, and you know as well as he does that insurance, especially for your car and your property, are among the "musts" of today's world. The folks of Newark, N. J., got quite a surprise the morning "Wallace" announced his first appearance; paper route taught him the value of nickles and dimes; ought to be a fish—he loves the water so well—catches his share of the finny tribe, too, never will forget first \$50 he earned when 17 for one whole year's work as apprentice in carpentering and for 22 years found building an inspiration; finds happiness enough for one man in enjoyable life, and together their life's cog is always brimming full with interests of Francis, Merion, Stanley, Pearl and five adorable grandchildren; he's a giant in friendliness; never a quitter and works 24 hours a day in the spirit of America. . . .

Ph. 420 and ask: How long has he been protecting Torrance folks?

FRED A. HARDER
 **** THREE'S something about Fred Harder Service, easy to get-in, easy to get-out, right on the corner of Post and Sartori, that has a magical fashion of stopping motorists. Fred Harder says it's the excellent General Petroleum products. He's right—but in addition, we honestly believe it is "Fred" himself. A really sincere appreciator of your patronage is only half the story. He likes to figure out little extra accommodations to give the best Mobilgas service possible. "Fred's" voice was first heard on his father's homestead near McCloud, Okla.; first kid bank roll made raising scrub cattle and runt swine; as a hunter he's a regular Daniel Boone; likes to fish, even if he doesn't have one; our oldest service station person in metropolitan Torrance; recently his Company honored him with a bronze clock for his 10 years service; enjoys putting around home among his flowers and plants; married happy Mildred Barker, Cripple Creek, Colo.; has two darling tots, Jerry and Linda Lee, if you search his pockets you will find two items—pipe and tobacco; wants plenty of pie—any kind; as dial twister likes Gang Bus-

ters; careful auto driver—and I'm throwing my hat in the air today and giving three lousy cheers for Fred Harder. . . .
 Ph. 766 and find out: How many years has he spent in service stations?

PACIFIC PERFORATING CO.

**** THE Oil Industry for years back has kept the name of Torrance on the map. It has added names worth while to the roster of this community; and vision—in addition to circulating plenty of dollars that have helped build this home town. Joseph E. Pooler, Chief-In-Command at Pacific Perforating Co., 1024 Engracia, who makes slot pipe or casing for oil wells, which allows the oil to come out of the sands being drilled, and which is used in oil fields all over California, he is one of the men who create. He has developed a machine with its own especially devised slot, on which he holds the patent. His plant is close to the immense pipe yards, which spells convenience. His is a specialized service, where every job is "custom tailored" and his business is a definite asset to the billion dollar industry of Southern California. "Joe" carries the do-or-die spirit of the Pine Tree State of Maine in his smile; grocery store is where he mined his first coppers; has special fondness for his golf clubs; proud of Chamber of Commerce activities; likes Torrance better than any city in the world; with National Tool in this same plant until they merged, when he took it over himself; never a knocker; has plenty between his temples and if a popularity vote were taken, he'd win hands down. . . .

OTTO J. BATSCH

**** PIONEERS are a credit to a community, and Otto J. Batsch, Union Ice and Storage Co., and independent Service station owner, 2319 Arlington, is a charter member of our pioneer citizens. His Coolerator and Olympic refrigerators are favorites throughout Gardena, Lomita, Keystone and Torrance over 10 square miles, and he is the man who knows that "Cold Alone Is Not Enough." Many of his customers have taken out their electric refrigerators and are his best boosters, and his three ice trucks will get ice to your door in no time, flat. If you are saving S. & H. green stamps, let him fill your tank with Radio, Polly, Economy and Ethyl, and fill your stamp book at the same time—and remember, he handles 100 percent Quaker State, repairs tires, does lubrication, and helps you every time and every way he possibly can. "Otto's" first toy railroad stopped in Pittsburgh, Pa.; took care of a blue ribbon driving horse for first wealth; dreams about hunting and fishing; loyal to K. of C.; Anna is the only girl, and bright-eyed Marie, is Dad's right-hand man in the office; can't refuse sizzling T-bone steak; homemaker since 1919; one of our oldest established business men; straight as an arrow; nick-name should be "Happy" and the "Golden Rule" is his yard stick. . . .

TWO MACKS ELECTRIC

**** BACK in the early "twenties" with vision and determination, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McCormiskey, stepdad and mother of wide awake Homer and George Morgan, founded the Two Macks Electric (2119 Arlington Ave.) and made that name known in oil fields all over California. George bought out his mother's share in 1927; Homer purchased his step-dad's share in 1931, and they have won for themselves recognition as A-1 electric specialists in oil fields. They have a Bakerfield office; keep one modern truck there and two more here; do industrial work and their name is a guarantee of work well done. Bedford, Provisioner of Quebec, Can. and records state is where "George" and "Homer" had their first snow ball fight; Californians since they were nine and 10; naturalized citizens for years; ranch near Stockton helped them jingle first coins in their pockets; George's cabin at Lake Arrowhead, his 16-ft. Criss-Craft Motor Boat, delightful Marie and Camera Club membership keep the sun shining on both sides of the fence; "Homer" shoots golf for fun

and dandy pictures with his camera for thrills; knows password of Masons and Eastern Star; names closest to his heart are Rosalie, Betsy Ruth and Billy, and these brothers are two all-star citizens who never fold up when things are being done for Torrance. . . .

LEGRANDE G. BARNDULL

**** SHAKE hands, Folks, with some one you've known a long time—LeGrande G. Barndull, whose Quality Market, 2171 Torrance Blvd., is the longest established market doing business at this same spot, since its opening minute a long while ago. You're going to like "Grant" because he was born on a quality platform—and somehow he manages to wrap a heap of friendliness around it. Good meat means stamina, being able "to take it" no matter how strenuous the job—and that's the only kind he handles, and one fact that makes him the proudest, is that today he is serving most of the customers he started out with—they just naturally become friends. Our electric ray reveals that Montpelier, Idaho, is where "Grant" played with his first top; butcher delivery boy when 13 boosted him into his future career; never afraid of worms; two weaknesses—baseball and watching those horses around the bend; Past Commander Bent S. Crossland American Legion Post (member 16 years); cheery Eloda rings the chimes in his heart, and Dean, Nona and Gary are three bright points on his star; steady as a watch; belongs in the "Can Do" crowd around town; his wife, "Dorothy," others fall and friends stick to "Grant" like a burr to a golf stocking. . . .

RAY'S FRIENDLY MARKET

**** NO matter what kind of groceries you want for your table, Ray's Friendly Market, 2113 Torrance Blvd., has them all attractively displayed; everything neat, spotless and orderly; serve yourself or Ray Takayama, owner, will cheerfully serve you, and he makes a special effort to keep prices down to the last notch. Really believes in "Friendly Service." He works at it every minute of the day; has had six years' experience in the grocery business, and since he opened here last March, has constantly searched for new ways to please his customers. Fresno, Calif., is where "Ray's" birth certificate was signed; spent happy hours at Torrance High School and a graduate of Narbonne; lived in this community 10 years; picked bushels of vegetables for first buffalo nickles; track and football head the list with him in favorite sports; Junior Chamber of Commerce never finds him a slacker on community activities; smiling Sue, life partner and good natured brother Robert strive to please everyone who comes in the store; play member; has plenty of "go" in his feet; never forgets a friend or a favor and you may go into his place a stranger, but chances are 10 to 1—you'll come out a friend. . . .

FOUR **** FOLKS WINNERS AND AWARDS

First Prize—Maude Axtell
 Second Prize—Pearl Staleup
JOHN SALM, giant in friendliness, provides employment for about 50 men and women at Salm Abalone Pearl Mfg. plant.
HARVEY CRAWFORD, trail blazer, worked and studied four years perfecting the process used in the Torrance Aluminum Products Co., before opening the plant in 1937.
ARTHUR MULLIN, 21st Torrance Blvd., started his business here on a sand dune in 1925.
ART JINKENS, accustomed to all, opened his quality market in Ray's Friendly Market, 2113 Torrance Blvd., March 23rd.
JAS. F. MCANNON, happy hurler, 1315 Border, has built approximately one hundred homes here in 15 years.
MURRAY SMITH, dependable person, Manager Corner 6-10-25 Store, has been 17 years with three firms in merchandising.
BEN D. STEWART and **ELDON McBRIDE**, two sure winners, became owners of their own super Service, 217 Torrance Blvd., 3 years ago.
GENE HAMILTON, happiness promoter, has had approximately 1000 units now available in Western Village—headquarters 1612 Carson Street.
SAUL DUCKER, good will winner, Mrs. Nick Ghis Delicatessen & Liquor, A & P on El Prado, has followed delicatessen line 3 years.

Smith-Patterson Wedding Attended By 350 Guests

One of the loveliest of June weddings was that of Norma Patterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Patterson, and Arvid Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith, in the First Christian Church of Inglewood last Sunday afternoon. Rev. Frank T. Porter officiated.

Large baskets of white gladioli and delphinium with a background of beautiful fern balls decorated the chancel. Given in marriage by her father, the charming bride wore a triple sheer marquisette dress over white slipper satin, her fingertip veil was custom made of imported bridal illusion tulle with a pearl beaded coronet. She carried a small white bible on which was a Job's Daughters emblem covered with a detachable corsage of white butterfly orchids with white satin streamers and bouvardia. Attending the bride was Miss Grace Mundy of San Gabriel, as maid of honor, wearing pastel pink organdy over pink taffeta with a hybrid delphinium coronet and carrying a semi-colonial bouquet of hybrid delphinium.

The bridesmaids, Misses Georgina Tiffany, Phyllis Sears and Anabel McNeese were dressed in pastel blue organdy over blue taffeta with floral coronets of pink carnations and carried colonial bouquets of pink sweet peas, carnations and rose buds. Earl Smith, brother of the groom, was best man. Ushers were John Schmidt, Lynne Hale and John Cummings. Mrs. A. W. Johnson was at the organ. Walter Hansen of Los Angeles sang. Three hundred and fifty guests attended the wedding and reception in the church parlors. Dainty refreshments were served at the table arranged by Mrs. L. C. Miller. Mrs. E. J. Mundy of San Gabriel poured assisted by Mrs. Dewey Quigley and the Misses Barbara Christopher of Long Beach and Virginia Draper of Los Angeles. Mrs. J. W. Smith, mother of the groom, gowned in blue crepe with white accessories, was in the receiving line with Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Patterson and the bridal party. Mrs. Patterson was gowned in an egg shell sateen crepe ensemble with navy blue accessories.

The bride is a graduate of Torrance high school, Summer class of 1939, attended business college and is a past honored queen of Job's Daughters. She is employed at the Bank of America. The groom, a graduate of Torrance high school, Summer class of 1938, attended Compton Junior College and is now employed at National Supply Company. The popular young couple are honeymooning at Lake Arrowhead.

Hazel Fessenden, Bride-to-be, is Shower Honoree

Miss Hazel Fessenden, whose wedding to Mr. Fred Hansen, Jr. will take place Sunday evening, June 22, was honored at an attractively appointed miscellaneous shower last Friday evening at the home of Mrs. William Diesel on Post ave. A bridal motif was effectively used in table decorations and accessories and a large umbrella contained the many lovely gifts presented to the bride-to-be. Bunco furnished the evening diversion and refreshments were served at midnight.

Those present were Mrs. Fred Hansen, Sr., Miss Cassie Hansen, Mmes. J. H. Stroh, E. A. Lock, C. A. Smith, A. R. Thistle, Peter Colombo, Dorothy Cronin and the Misses June Nuckles, Marjorie Smith and Georgina Tiffany, all of Torrance; Mmes. Laura Rosa of Boston, Barbara Jones, Edith Thomas, Veda Mae Fessenden and Miss Lois Johnson, all of Gardena; Adeline Woodburn of Santa Monica, Marjorie Morrell and Allie Winslow of Los Angeles.

MR. AND MRS. FESS HOSTS AT BUFFET

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Fess were hosts when they entertained at a pre-nuptial buffet supper at their home Sunday honoring Miss Marcia Dyer, bride-elect of Kenneth Fess. A large replica of an engagement ring placed in an arrangement of white gladioli and Tallisman roses centered the table. Those present were Miss Dyer and her parents, Col. and Mrs. J. F. Dyer of Palos Verdes, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Brower and daughter Katherine, and Mrs. Grace Jordan of Grand Rapids, Michigan; Messrs. and Mmes. Michael Neuschel of Van Nuys, Guy Shugg, S. O. Carruthers and Cecil Shugg of El Monte; Carl Vigil of Hermosa Beach and Kenneth Fess.

ELEMENTARY P. T. A. PLANS FINAL MEETING

The final Torrance Elementary P. T. A. meeting of the year will be held at the auditorium Tuesday afternoon, June 24, at 2 o'clock. Annual reports of chairmen will be read and a splendid program will follow the business session. Miss Harriet Pegors, soprano soloist, will be featured on the program. The graduating sixth graders will be presented by Principal Leonard Dykes. Following installation of new officers by Mrs. J. O. Marriott, council president, executive board members will serve as hostesses at a tea honoring the teachers. Preceding the meeting the executive board session will be held.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Johnston are entertaining as their house guests his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ansel B. Smith of Denver, Colorado, who are honeymooning in California.

FASHION PREVIEW



For golfing on cool days, the Jane Good Housekeeping magazine suggests this gored wool-flannel skirt, which comes in many soft pastel shades. It is worn with two sweaters, a pullover, and a cardigan.

CALENDAR

of WEEKLY COMMUNITY EVENTS

- TONIGHT, JUNE 19**
 6:30 p.m.—Rotary Club at Legion hall.
 7:30 p.m.—20-30 Club at Daniels Cafe.
 —Order of the Eastern Star, Masonic Temple.
 7:45 p.m.—Knights of Pythias at Redondo Beach.
 8:00 p.m.—Modern Woodmen.—Catholic Ladies' card party.
- FRIDAY, JUNE 20**
 7:30 p.m.—I. O. O. F. No. 195, Redondo Beach.
 —Townsend Club, Men's Bible Class Bldg.
 8:00 p.m.—Women of the Moose, Social hall.
 —Masonic meeting.
 —Technocracy, 1915 Carson st.
- SUNDAY, JUNE 22**
 Services in all churches.
- MONDAY, JUNE 23**
 3:30 p.m.—St. Andrew's Troop Girl Scouts.
 6:30 p.m.—Kiwanis Club at Daniels Cafe.
 7:30 p.m.—Sons of the Legion.—Junior Chamber of Commerce, C. of C. Bldg.
- TUESDAY, JUNE 24**
 7:45 p.m.—Royal Neighbors.—American Legion Auxiliary.—City council meeting.
 8:00 p.m.—W. B. A. bingo party.
- WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25**
 12:30 p.m.—Catholic Ladies' luncheon.
 7:45 p.m.—Trio Rebekahs Lodge No. 240, Lomita.
 8:00 p.m.—A. O. U. W.
 9:00 p.m.—Girl Scout Troop No. 2 at Scout hall.

Jeanne Volz Weds Kenneth E. Olsen at Lutheran Church

The marriage of Miss Jeanne Volz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Klimm of 1952 Plaza del Arno, to Mr. Kenneth Everett Olsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Olson of Mankato, Minn., took place Saturday evening in First Lutheran church, with Rev. F. D. Meehling officiating in the presence of 75 guests. White gladioli and larkspur were used to decorate the church and Mrs. E. A. Schwartz played the wedding march and piano solos.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore white organdy fashioned along princess lines. Her finger tip veil fell from a coronet of orange blossoms and she carried a spray of gardenias. Mrs. Malcolm Neal, as matron of honor, was attired in blue crepe with Juliet cap and short tulle veil. Her flowers were an arm bouquet of pink larkspur, Wilbur Camp of San Diego was the bridegroom's best man while Malcolm Neal and John Reynolds ushered.

The bride is a graduate of Torrance high school, class of Summer '35. Following the ceremony a reception was held at Torrance Woman's Clubhouse. At the buffet table, decorated with white blossoms, Mrs. Klimm was assisted by Mmes. Martin Hultquist of Paso Robles and Ben Mahren of Wilmington.

Following a short honeymoon, Mr. and Mrs. Olsen left for San Diego where he is employed by Fuller Glass and Paint Company.

MRS. BAKER SMITH DINNER-BRIDGE HOSTESS

Mrs. Baker Smith was hostess last Friday evening when she entertained members of her bridge club at dinner at her home. A Mexican theme was carried out in menu and accessories and covers were placed for eight. Contract awards were received by Mmes. L. G. Barkdull and Sidney E. Smith. Other guests were Mmes. Bessie Myers, J. C. Snow, H. E. Appenzeller, O. B. Willett, W. H. Stanger.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Burdett entertained his aunt, Mrs. Mabel Howland, as their house guest last weekend. Mrs. Howland, a teacher in Honolulu college, returned to the islands Sunday evening aboard the S. S. Matsonia following a three months' vacation in California.

Legion Auxiliary Group Honors Retiring President

As a courtesy to Mrs. Mabel Williams, retiring president of American Legion Auxiliary, members of her executive board and chairman entertained at a dinner party Monday evening in the private dining room of Christy's Cafe. Mrs. Williams was presented with a gardenia corsage and a handsome gift from the group.

At the long dining table, decorated with an arrangement of yellow blossoms and matching tapers, covers were placed for 17. Bridge and Michigan were enjoyed following dinner and prizes were received by Mmes. J. R. Wilkes, Lucille Lovell, Alice Thompson and Nettie Babcock.

Those present in addition to the prize winners were Mmes. Janet Woodington, Merle Youngken, Maxine Smith, Madge Ley-

RAMSEY-WEST NUPTIALS SOLEMNIZED AT HOME

The marriage of Miss Mildred Agnes West, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. West, to Mr. Raymond L. Ramsey was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Saturday evening. Rev. F. T. Porter officiated. The bride was attended by Miss Jacqueline Kyle while Ralph Ramsey served as his brother's best man.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a lovely marquisette wedding gown and her grandmother's 50-year-old wedding veil. Immediately following the ceremony a reception was held for relatives and intimate friends of the principals. Mr. and Mrs. Ramsey are at home to their friends at 1828 257th st. He is employed at the Pacific Box Company plant.

man, Ruth Saunders, Gertrude Boyle, Beva Burchett, Ella Robinson, Olivia Lee, Selma Goddard, Velora Murphy and Miss Corlissa Reeve.

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